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DECISION

Silver Haple Partnership c/o Gene William Gray P. O. Box 2366 Salt Lake City, Utah 84107 Mining Claim Recordation Maple Nos. 1, 2 (Placer) Maple Nos. 1, 2 (Lode)

Failure to File Assessment Work Mining Claims Deemed Abandoned and Void

On April 25, 1980, Gene William Gray filed certificates of location and maps for the Maple Nos. 1, 2 placer and lode mining claims located April 18, 1980, along with a filing fee of \$20.

Under 43 CFR 3833.2-1(c), the owner of an unpatented mining claim located on Federal lands after October 21, 1976, must on or before December 30 of each calendar year following the calendar year in which such claim was located, file in the proper Bureau of Land Management (BLM) office evidence of annual assessment work performed during the previous assessment year or a notice of intention to hold the mining claim. Zoes Associates, 50 IBLA 164 (1980).

Where a mining claim is located April 18, 1980, and recorded with the BLM April 25, 1980, evidence of assessment work/notice of intent must be filed with the BLM on or before December 30, 1981. Evidence of assessment work/notice of intent has not been filed. Accordingly, the Maple Nos. 1, 2 placer and lode mining claims are conclusively deemed abandoned and void.

For your protection, you may wish to relocate the Maple Nos. 1, 2 placer and lode mining claims and file a copy of the official record of the notice or certificate of location of the claims within 90 days after the date of location, providing that there are no intervening third party rights and the lands are open to mineral entry.





Right of appeal to the Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, is allowed in accordance with the regulations in 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E. If an appeal is taken, it must be filed with the Utah State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 136 East South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, so that the case file can be transmitted to the Board. To avoid summary dismissal of the appeal, there must be strict compliance with the regulations.

15/ Darrell Barnes

Chief, Branch of Lands and Minerals Operations

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